Gujarat cities under JNNURM

1162. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the capital cities of the States are included into JNNURM;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to include the Capital City of Gujarat *i.e.* Gandhinagar in JNNURM;

(c) whether Government are considering to include Porbandar city and Karmsad in JNNURM being the birth place of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel, respectively;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have given only Rs. 300 crores under JNNURM to the State of Gujarat; and

(e) if so, whether Government are considering to enhance the limit of allocation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF UR-BAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes Sir, except Gandhinagar.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Decision to keep number of cities covered under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) to around 60 was taken with the approval of Government. However, cities which are not covered under the JNNURM, including Gandhinagar have been covered under another scheme of the Ministry, namely Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT).

(d) As per indicative allocation made by the Planning Commission, there is an allocation of Rs. 300.00 crore under JNNURM for State of Gujarat for 2006-07.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) of the question.

Metro Rail Transport in Chennai

1163. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total circuit of MRT in Chennai as proposed in terms of length and the important places covered and its project cost;